

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 50 are pending in the present application. By this preliminary amendment, claims 32-34, 36, 40-43 and 45 have been amended. Claims 35 and 44 have been cancelled.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

32. (Amended). A [An asymmetrical shaped] card for use with an electronic payment mechanism, said card having an upper surface and a lower surface, each of said surfaces defining a surface area on oppositely oriented front and back faces of said card, each of said surfaces being [asymmetrically] shaped with respect to a [vertical] centerline along said surface, said card having a magnetic stripe along one of said surfaces, said magnetic stripe containing information that relates to said card, said magnetic stripe containing information relating to credit purchases by a person associated with said card, said card having a first card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a first card radius.

33. (Amended) The card of claim 32 wherein said card has [a magnetic stripe along one of said surfaces, said magnetic stripe containing information that relates to said card] a second card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a second card radius.

34. (Amended) The card of claim 33 wherein [said magnetic stripe contains information relating to credit purchases by a person associated with said card], said card having a first card connecting portion on a first side of said card between said first end and said second end, said first card connecting portion having at least one convexly curved portion, said card having a second card connecting portion on a second side of said card between said first end and said second end, said second card connecting portion having at least one concavely curved portion.

Cancel claim 35.

36. (Amended) The card of claim [35] 34 wherein said second card radius is less than said first card radius.

40. (Amended) An asymmetrical shaped card for use with an electronic payment mechanism, said card having an upper surface and a lower surface, each of said surfaces defining a surface area on oppositely oriented front and back faces of said card, each of said surfaces being asymmetrally shaped with respect to a [horizontal] centerline along said surface, said card having a magnetic stripe along one of said surfaces, said magnetic stripe containing information relating to credit purchases by a person associated with said card, said card having a first card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a first card radius.

41. (Amended) The card of claim 40 wherein [said card has a magnetic stripe along one of said surfaces, said magnetic stripe containing information that relates to said card] each of said surfaces being asymmetrally shaped with respect to a horizontal centerline along said surface.

42. (Amended) The card of claim 40 [further comprising:  
said card having a first card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a first card radius, said card having a second card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a second card radius,  
said card having a first card connecting portion on a first side of said card between said first end and said second end, said first card connecting portion having at least one convexly curved portion, said card having a second card connecting portion on a second side of said card between said first end and said second end, said second card connecting portion having at least one concavely curved portion] wherein each of said surfaces being asymmetrally shaped with respect to a vertical centerline along said surface.

43. (Amended) A non-rectangular shaped card for use with an electronic payment mechanism, said card having an upper surface and a lower surface, each of said surfaces defining a surface area on oppositely oriented front and back faces of said card, each of said surfaces having at least two edges that do not form a 90 degree angle with respect to one another, said card having a magnetic stripe along one of said surfaces, said magnetic stripe containing information relating to credit purchases by a person associated with said card, said card having a first card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a first card radius, said card having a second card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a second card radius.

Cancel claim 44.

45. (Amended) The card of claim 43 further comprising:  
[said card having a first card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a first card radius, said card having a second card end with at least one arcuate portion formed of a second card radius,]

said card having a first card connecting portion on a first side of said card between said first end and said second end, said first card connecting portion having at least one convexly curved portion, said card having a second card connecting portion on a second side of said card between said first end and said second end, said second card connecting portion having at least one concavely curved portion.